

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 41 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 42-51 are presented. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-15, 17-19, 21-23, 25-27, 29-31, 33-35, 37-39, and 42-51 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of Response Under 37 CFR §1.116

Applicant requests entry of this Rule 116 Response and Request for Reconsideration because rejected claim 41 is canceled herein thereby at least reducing the issues for appeal and putting this application into condition for allowance, further new claims should not entail any further search by the Examiner since no new issues are being raised.

As set forth in MPEP §714.13 that "the Proposed Amendment should be given sufficient consideration to determine whether the claims are in condition for allowance and/or whether the issues on appeal are simplified." The Manual of Patent Examining Procedures further articulates that the reason for any non-entry should be explained expressly in the Advisory Action.

Item 5: Allowable Subject Matter

In item 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-15, 17-19, 21-23, 25-27, 29-31, 33-35, and 37-39 are allowed. (Action at page 4, lines 19-20). Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

New Claims

New claims 42-51 are presented to recite features in an alternate manner. New claim 42 recites a coordinate detection device including "an input unit, having a surface thereof, to which a coordinate value is input by input means; and a detection unit that determines an operation mode of said input unit, the detection unit further comprising: . . . the current input operation occurring after a detachment of the input means from the surface of said input unit during the immediately preceding previous input operation; wherein a coordinate value at a time when the input means is detached from the surface of said input unit is set as the final coordinate value of the previous input operation, and . . . wherein the absolute coordinate value mode inputting operation is enabled in the relative coordinate value mode based on a time during which the input means is detached from the surface of said input unit."

That is, new claim 42 substantially recites features of recited by independent claim 1 but with term "input device" replaced with the term --input means--. In a similar manner, new claims

43-51 substantially recite respective features of independent claims 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33, and 37 with term "input device" replaced with the term --input means--. Accordingly, no new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Further, since the Examiner has found at least claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33, and 37 allowable, Applicant respectfully submits that accordingly, features of claims 42 -52 patentably distinguish over the art relied on by the Examiner, and they are submitted to be allowable for the recitations therein.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot, and further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited and possibly concluded by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney to discuss any such remaining issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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